THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) It has been since decided that funds under Centrally Sponsored Schemes be released directly to the implementing agencies, as before, instead of being routed through State Governments.

(b) Does not arise.

Inclusion of Majuli Island in World Heritage Site

899. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tentative World Heritage List prepared by ASI;

(b) whether Majuli Island is in the tentative list of ASI for World Heritage site;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of Majuli towards nomination as World Heritage site under Cultural landscape category during 2004?

THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The Tentative List of Sites is at present under revision. However, Majuli Island is already included.

(d) The nomination dossier for Majuli Island is under preparation. For 2004, nomination dossier for group of medieval monuments at Champaner in Gujarat has already been sent to World Heritage Centre for consideration.

New pension scheme for central government employees

900. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when Government are going to set up new pension fund to operationalise new pension scheme for the Central Government employees;